THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) The total amount of net NPAs of the select all-India financial institutions (*viz.* IDBI, IFCI, ICICI, TFCI, Exim Bank, IDFC, IIBI, SIDBI, NABARD and NHB) as on 31 March, 2000 and 31 March, 2001 were Rs. 18,110 crores and Rs. 17,155 crore (provisional). However, in accordance with the practices and usages customary amongst banks and in conformity with the provisions of statues governing public sector banks and financial institutions as also the provisions of public Financial Institutions (obligations as to Fidelity and Secrecy) Act, 1983, further details relating to individual constituents cannot be divulged.

Imposition of Uniform Sales Tax in Pondicherry

1001. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Territory of Pondicherry has imposed uniform sales tax; and

(b) how much amount was collected during the period from 1994—2000 and 2000 to 2001 by way of sales tax in the Union Territory of Pondicherry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The Government of Pondicherry has reported that it has implemented uniform floor rates of sales-tax in respect of 114 items. The amount of sales-tax collected during the period from 1994 to 2001 is as follows:

Year	Amount of sales tax
1994-95	Rs. 78.40 crore
1995-96	Rs. 102.31 crore
1996-97	Rs. 122.86 crore
1997-98	Rs. 133.37 crore
1998-99	Rs. 148.63 crore
1999-2000	Rs. 171.69 crore
2000-2001	Rs. 193.50 crore